

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

21. (original) A mobile communications device, comprising:
an interface for communicating information with a communications network via a direct link; and
an interface for receiving information from the communications network via a broadcast link.
22. (original) The device of claim 21 wherein the direct link interface comprises a mobile telephone interface.
23. (original) The device of claim 22 wherein the mobile telephone interface comprises a cellular telephone interface.
24. (original) The device of claim 21 wherein the broadcast interface comprises a television broadcast receiver interface.
25. (original) The device of claim 24 wherein the television broadcast receiver interface comprises a terrestrial television broadcast receiver interface.
26. (original) The device of claim 24 wherein the television broadcast receiver interface comprises a direct television satellite system broadcast receiver interface.
27. (original) The device of claim 21 further comprising a controller, coupled to the direct link interface and the broadcast link interface, for conditioning the mobile communications device to receive information from one of the direct link or the broadcast link in response to previously received data.
28. (original) The device of claim 27 wherein the device further comprises:
a device, coupled to the controller, for receiving user input; wherein
the controller is responsive to user input specifying information to be requested from the communications network, and provides data representing the requested information to the communications network via the direct link.

29. (original) The device of claim 28 wherein the user input receiving device comprises a keypad.

30. (original) The device of claim 28 wherein the controller receives data via the direct link interface indicating that the requested information is being broadcast via the broadcast link and receives the requested information via the broadcast link.

31. (original) The device of claim 28 wherein if the controller receives data from the direct link interface indicating that the requested information is being broadcast via the broadcast link then the controller receives the requested information via the broadcast link, otherwise the controller receives the requested data via the direct link.

32. (original) The device of claim 28 wherein the broadcast link comprises a plurality of channels; and:

if the controller receives data via the direct link interface indicating that the requested information is being broadcast via a selected one of the plurality of channels on the broadcast link then the controller receives the requested information from the selected channel of the broadcast link, otherwise the controller receives the requested data via the direct link

33. (original) The device of claim 21 further comprising a display device, for displaying an image represented by requested information received from the communications network.

34. (original) In a system comprising a plurality of mobile communications devices and a communications network, a method of operating a selected one of the plurality of mobile communications devices, comprising the steps of:

receiving information from the communications network intended for the selected mobile communications device via a direct link to the selected mobile communications device; and

receiving information from the communications network intended for the plurality of mobile communications devices, including the selected mobile communications device, via a broadcast link.

35. (original) The method of claim 34 wherein the step of receiving information via the direct link comprises the step of receiving information via a telephone network.

36. (original) The method of claim 35 wherein the step of receiving information via the telephone network comprises the step of receiving information via a cellular telephone network.

37. (original) The method of claim 34 wherein the step of receiving information via the broadcast link comprises the step of receiving information via a television broadcast network.

38. (original) The method of claim 37 wherein the step of receiving information via the television broadcast network comprises the step of receiving information via a terrestrial television broadcast network.

39. (original) The method of claim 34 wherein the step of receiving information via the television broadcast network comprises the step of receiving information via a direct satellite television broadcast network.

40. (original) The method of claim 34 further comprising the steps of:
transmitting data representing requested information to the communications network from the selected mobile communications device; and
receiving the requested information by the mobile communications device from the communications network via one of the direct link and the broadcast link.

41. (original) The method of claim 40 wherein the step of receiving the requested information comprises the steps of:
if the requested information is being transmitted from the communications network via the broadcast link, receiving data from the communications network via the direct link specifying that the requested information is being transmitted from the communications network via the broadcast link and, in response to the received data, receiving the requested information from the communications network via the broadcast link;
otherwise receiving the requested information from the communications network via the direct link.

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42. (original) The method of claim 41 wherein the broadcast link comprises a plurality of channels, and the step of receiving the requested information further comprises the steps of:

receiving data from the communications network via the direct link specifying that the requested information is being transmitted on a selected one of the plurality of channels of the broadcast link; and

if the requested information is being transmitted from the communications network via the broadcast link, receiving the requested information from the communications network via the selected channel of the broadcast link.

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